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Ms. Cox:

Community Based Care of Central Florida in Partnership with FUMCH- Open Hearts formally requests the Florida Department of Children and Families to revoke the foster home license of Monique Williams [REDACTED]. Ms. Williams was initially licensed with FUMCH- Open Hearts on May 7, 2013.

On July 10, 2014 Ms. Williams was arrested [REDACTED]. Abuse report #2014-182322-01 was generated as a result of this incident and was closed on July 23, 2014 with Ms. Williams listed as the caretaker [REDACTED]. This incident demonstrated a lack of judgment and a lapse in the quality of care [REDACTED]. Ms. Williams's actions were in clear violation of aspects of the Partnership Plan for Children in Out-of-Home Care that outline the responsibility of foster parents and all partners to the well being of children in the custody of The Department of Children and Families. Ms. Williams most recently signed the Partnership Plan agreement on March 11, 2014.

As a licensed foster parent Ms. Williams is responsible for the compliance with Florida Administrative Code 65C-13 which includes guidelines related to the transportation and safety of children in licensed out-of-home care. Specifically Ms. Williams's actions are in violation of 65C-13.030 (1) *Requirements (i) Transportation Safety 4. The licensed out-of-home caregiver shall follow Chapter 316, F.S., related to transportation of children. F.S. 316.6135 (1) states A parent, legal guardian, or other person responsible for a child younger than 6 years of age may not leave the child unattended or unsupervised in a motorized vehicle: (a) In excess of 15 minutes (b) for any period of time if the motor of the vehicle is running, the health of the child is in danger, or the child appears to be in distress.*

[REDACTED]. All three foster children placed with Ms. Williams were moved to other foster homes on the day of the incident. There have been no placements made in this home since. Ms.



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Williams is awaiting further action through the criminal justice system related to the arrest and pending charges from the incident. Please consider the information provided, the risk to the child, and the violation of F.S., Administrative Code, and the Partnership Plan as you move forward with a decision regarding the revocation of the Williams foster home license. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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